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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

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Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT:

Delegation of Contracting Authority

REFERENCE:

Delegation of Contracting Authority to the

Contracting Officer for the Directorate of

Plans, dated 14 August 1972

- 1. DDS&T/OTS requests an expansion of the decentralized Delegation of Contracting Authority for OTS/CMG. Specifically, a change in paragraph 1b of the referenced memorandum is requested to delegate contract negotiation authority and responsibility for all OTS production to OTS/CMG.
- 2. DDS&T/OTS anticipates this change will result in greater efficiency gained from:
  - a. OTS/CMG normally has contact with our proposed production contractors via lengthy associations during the development and engineering cycle of technical equipment development. This should provide a current data base to draw from during production contract negotiation.



1. Of the fifty-five (55) production contract action during FY-73, twenty (20) were managed by OL/Procurement Division.

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- b. Communication between technical monitor and the contract management personnel will improve by being co-located within the same building and under one management.
- 3. Since DDS&T/OTS believes this request is not a major departure from the intent of decentralized contracting authority, OTS/CMG is in a position to manage the increased responsibility, and the Agency's continued search for manpower efficiencies, it is requested that immediate action be taken to change the existing policy to delegate all production Contracting Authority to OTS/CMG.

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